



## **West Plains School District Board Update**

October 20, 2020

### **Academic Spotlight –**

Each month the board of education has an opportunity to hear academic spotlights on programs or classrooms around the district. This month Joan Dietrich gave an update on the Jobs for Americas Graduates (JAG) program and Nathan Fleming gave an update on the high school Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Biomedical program.

Joan Dietrich and the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program received three national awards over the summer – the Peak Performance award, the Contact Hours award, and the 5 of 5 Performance award. The Contact Hours award was awarded for students obtaining the highest average contact hours during the 2019-2020 school year. The 5 of 5 Performance was awarded for the program exceeding the performance outcome standards for students, including graduation rate, employment rate, positive outcome rate, full-time job rate, and full-time placement rate. The awards were announced in July during the JAG Virtual National Training Seminar.

The high school PLTW biomedical classes will be featured on a national virtual PLTW showcase on Wednesday, October 21. Participants will learn how students today become tomorrow's biomedical science professionals.

### **Academic Update –**

Greg Carter and Tiffany Young gave an update to the board on teaching and learning at the elementary and secondary levels.

### **Capital Improvements Update -**

Dr. Davis gave an update on the current fall projects including the Zizzer Pride Academy ceiling repairs, Zizzer Stadium elevator, SCCC floor repairs, and a new elementary preschool driveway.

### **Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for School Resource Officer**

In September, the board conducted a first read of the Memorandum of Understanding for School Resource Officers as recommended by the school lawyer. The board approved the memorandum.

### **Substitute Pay and Substitute Nurse Pay – First Read**

Dr. Davis presented to the board a chart on substitute pay rates. The district is currently the lowest in the area, and it has become an issue when attracting subs, especially during COVID-19. Dr. Davis recommended to the board to increase the rate. The board will make a final decision in November.

### **Tutoring and Homebound Pay**

The district currently pays homebound teachers \$20 per hour. The rate is low for the area and has made it challenging to recruit teachers. Dr. Wilson recommended to the board to increase the rate to \$25 per hour. The board approved the recommendation.

### **MSBA Policies – First Read**

Each year, the school board reviews policy recommendations and adjusts as needed. Board members were given the annual MSBA Board policy update to review. These policies are scheduled to be approved at the next meeting.

### **Budget Amendment**

During the fall of each fiscal year, the district reviews revenues and expenditures and adjusts the budget accordingly. The board approved the budget amendments as presented.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Wilson updated the board on the future of hybrid and virtual programs and began the discussion of the spring semester and COVID-19. Dr. Wilson also asked each building principal to give an update on their school.

### **Hires:**

Clayton Collins – High School Custodian  
Zack Beard – Middle School Custodian  
James McCrackin – Sub Bus Driver  
Tonya Fowler – Sub Bus Driver  
Falisha McVicker – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach  
Jon Standler – Assistant 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach  
Terri Edgar – Speech/Debate Assistant Coach  
Rebecca Sheldon – Paraprofessional  
Camron VanWinkle Howell – Paraprofessional

### **Resignations:**

Valecity Enlow – High School Custodian  
Cynthia Thompson – Special Services Educational Diagnostician  
Brynn Sherman – Paraprofessional  
Alesa Schoelles – Special Education Teacher

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2020 at the South Central Career Center. *School board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise posted.*